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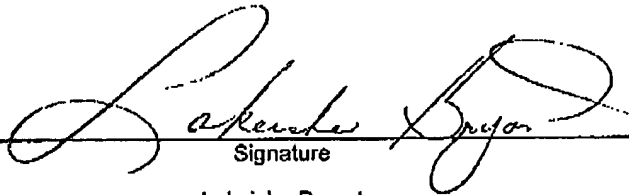
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This is in response to the final action mailed from the Office on January 23, 2007.

Applicant submits that this response puts the application in condition for allowance, and applicant thus requests entry of this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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